

**Minutes of Land Use, Parks and Environment (LUPE) Committee**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2014**

Chair Jim Heinrich called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Committee Present:** Supervisors Jim Heinrich (Chair), Dave Zimmermann, Fritz Ruf, Walter Kolb, Pamela Meyer and Tom Schellinger. **Absent:** Supervisor Jim Batzko.

**Also Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Park System Manager Duane Grimm, Darryl Enriquez of the Waukesha Freeman, and County Board Candidate Michael Starich.

**Approve Minutes of January 21, 2014**

MOTION: Ruf moved, second by Schellinger to approve the minutes of January 21, 2014. Motion carried 6-0.

**Executive Committee Report of February 17, 2014**

Heinrich summarized the items discussed at the February 17, 2014 Executive Committee meeting:

- Ordinance 168-O-086 was amended and approved
- Two appointments approved
- Update on Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) legislative exchange by Pat Haukohl and Sarah Spaeth
- Presentation on County Board Twitter account by Sarah Spaeth
- Update on Economic Development website by Chair Paul Decker
- County Board committee reports by committee chairs

**Correspondence**

- Notice of Park and Planning Commission/LUPE Committee joint public hearing on February 20, 2014
- Pamphlet – “Storm Water University” workshop

**Future Meeting Date**

March 18, 2014

**Legislative Update**

Spaeth gave an update on the following legislative items that she is monitoring:

- **Assembly Bill 512** – Relating to: expanding the requirement of county board approval of a town amendment of its zoning ordinances.
- **Senate Bill 547** – Relating to: adaptive management plans for reducing discharges of phosphorus and total suspended solids to the waters of the state and a statewide variance to the water quality standard for phosphorus for certain dischargers. Waukesha County supports this bill.

**Ordinance 168-O-085: Approve Permanent Limited Easement To The Wisconsin Department Of Transportation For The Right To Construct And Maintain A Drainage Facility**

Grimm was present to discuss this ordinance which provides the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) a permanent limited easement for the right to maintain their drainage facility on Waukesha County property (Lake Country Trail Corridor in the Village of Summit).

Grimm pointed out the location of the subject 0.002 acre parcel on an aerial photograph. The current drainage facility (culvert) was built as a part of the I-94/Sawyer Road interchange road construction

project. It was not known that the culvert was built on County property until after completion of the project. WisDOT is now requesting a permanent limited easement that would provide the right to construct, improve and maintain their existing drainage facility. WisDOT has offered to pay the County \$2,600 for the permanent limited easement.

Schellinger asked how the \$2600 price was determined. Grimm stated that because the parcel is so small it was not appraised. WisDOT determines the amount based on past practice – the going rate of what they have paid for other properties. WisDOT does give the County a right to appeal the offer if it is not perceived to be of fair market value. Grimm stated in looking at other transactions, it is a fair price. An appraisal would cost more than the value of the property.

Meyer asked whether there would possibly be any issue with water compromising the trail at any time. Grimm assured that there would not be any issue, as the storm water flows under and away from the trail into a large kettle.

MOTION: Meyer moved, second by Ruf to approve Ordinance 168-O-085. Motion carried 6-0.

**Presentation: Waukesha County Parks Cost Reduction through Volunteers**

Grimm narrated a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted cost savings associated with the use of volunteers in the Waukesha County Park System. Volunteers are utilized extensively for natural land management activities within the parks. A number of groups volunteer throughout the year to assist in current projects going on within the Park System, such as tree/flower plantings, trail wood chipping, invasive species removal and park clean-up projects. Volunteers also work at the Retzer Nature Center (mailings, special events, teacher naturalists) and others assist with various activities and special events in the parks. Huber inmate volunteers provide services such as planting, mowing, picking litter, watering, cleaning vehicles, raking bunkers, brush cutting, etc. around the Government Center campus.

Grimm provided the following breakdown of cost reductions realized by volunteer efforts. The hourly rate of \$18.50 is the value of a volunteer hour as reported by State Bureau of Labor Statistics.

- Huber inmate volunteers: 9,767 hours x \$18.50 = \$180,689.50
- Norris Adolescent Center student volunteers: 590 hours x \$18.50 = \$10,915.00
- Citizen/corporate group volunteers: 6,051 hours x \$18.50 = \$111,943.50
- Total overall cost reduction: \$303,548.00

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Ruf to adjourn the meeting a 9:37 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Meyer  
Secretary